THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY/NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IS CONDUCTING A FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF THE BUILDING 854 OPERABLE UNIT AT LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY'S SITE 300

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) /National Nuclear Security Administration is conducting a five-year review of its environmental cleanup of the Building 854 Operable Unit at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL) Site 300. LLNL's Site 300 is a U.S. DOE experimental test facility operated by Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. Site 300 is used for the research, development, and testing of high explosive materials. Site 300 is located in the Altamont Hills between Livermore and Tracy, California. The Building 854 Operable Unit is one of nine operable units at Site 300 where contaminants have been released to the environment from past operations. The Building 854 facilities were used to test the stability of weapons and weapon components under various environmental conditions and mechanical and thermal stresses.

The primary purpose of the five-year review is to verify that the DOE cleanup in this area is protecting human health and the environment. The five-year review report also summarizes the nature and extent of contamination and describes DOE's progress in cleaning up the area. This is the first five-year review of the Building 854 Operable Unit.

DOE's draft Five-Year Review report for the Building 854 Operable Unit is now available to the public at the LLNL Environmental Repository in the Tracy Public Library, 20 East Eaton Avenue, Tracy, CA 95377 [tel. (209) 835-2221], the LLNL Discovery Center, Greenville Road at East Gate Drive, Livermore, CA 94551, [tel. (925) 422-4599], and online at http://www-envirinfo.llnl.gov/.

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